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MOSC BOARD OF GOVERNORS' NOTE & DATES TO REMEMBER:



March 2014

Spring is the Air?!?! It may not look like it outside, but the first day of spring is just a few days away, and the Misawa Officers' Spouses' Club is gearing up for a busy spring with lots of activities!

One of our biggest endeavors is giving out our annual MOSC High School Scholarships and MOSC Continuing Education Scholarships. (Be sure to read all the details on page 3 because there is a lot of FREE money available!) We'll continue accepting applications until March 15th.

Also, we are accepting nominations for our annual MOSC Elections in April. During the elections, we'll be voting on all the Executive Board positions. If you are interested in any of the positions, please contact parliamentarian@misawaosc.org.

Plans are already in full swing for our annual Friendship

Luncheon, where we'll be enjoying a great day with some of our Japanese friends. We are also beginning plans for our Annual Membership Bingo in May, and our MESC/MOSC game night.

On top of that, MOSC is taking a step back in time to the 80's for our March 20th for our MOSC General Meeting and Social, where we'll be showing off our bowling skills in retro fashion. Plus, the Out and About Group is learning to cook, touring around Tohuko, and picking fruit over the next few months. Then, Book Club and Bunco Club are always ready for a fun evening each month.

Hope you can come out and help us put a spring into all of our activities!

Have a great month!

MOSC Board of Governors

Dates to Remember:

- **Mar. 11th:** Out and About Group, Japanese Cooking Class, 10:30am
- **Mar. 13th:** Friendship Luncheon Committee Meeting, 10:30am Kanpai Lounge
- **Mar. 13th:** Book Club, 6:30pm
- **Mar. 20th:** 80's Bowling Social/General Meeting; 6:30pm at Bowling Alley
- **Mar. 27th:** Bunco, 6:30pm, Faultline Bar
- **Mar. 28th:** Welfare Committee Meeting, 9am, American Red Cross Classroom
- **April 3rd:** BoG Meeting, 9am, Suzuki Room
- **TBD:** Cookies for Troops, packaging, Red Cross Classroom



MOSC ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS

The MOSC is currently accepting applications for our annual MOSC High School Academic Scholarships and MOSC Continuing Education Scholarships. The MOSC has up to \$30,000 to give away to eligible scholarship recipients.



The High School Scholarship recipients:

- Must be a graduating high school senior enrolled at Edgren High School having completed at least one semester at EHS.
- Must have 3.0 or higher cumulative grade point average (GPA) and planning to attend a four-year college or university full-time beginning in the 2014 fall semester.
- Must provide SAT or ACT scores.

The MOSC Continuing Education Scholarship recipient:

- Must be non-military spouses and dependents of:
 - *Members of the U.S. Armed Forces to include retired members
 - *Department of Defense Civilian Component
- Must meet the citizenry requirements expressed in the **Status of Forces Agreement Articles I (a), (b), and (c)**. The definitions of "member of U.S. Armed Forces", "DOD Civilian Component", and "Dependent" are taken from the US-Japan SOFA agreement and listed below.
- Can be Seniors graduating from an accredited home school program during the 2013-2014 school year, planning to attend an accredited institution within the 2014-2015 school year are eligible.
- Can be a continuing education applicant if planning on continuing to reside on Misawa Air Force Base, or in the local areas of and surrounding Misawa City, Japan to be eligible for the MOSC Continuing Education Scholarship.

All you need to do is complete an application. You can find the application online at our website www.misawaosc.org or pick up an application at the High School Counselor's Office. Once the application is filled out completely, you can place it in the locked box at the Thrift Shop or the High School Office. You can also mail the application to:

**Scholarship Chair
Misawa Officers' Spouses Club
35th FSS/MOSC Unit 5019
APO AP 96319**

The applications must be received **no later than March 15th** (NO EXCEPTIONS). If you have any questions or concerns, email Keith at scholarships@misawaosc.org.
Good luck!



MOSC GETS SOCIAL

FEBRUARY:

MOSC enjoyed a night of burgers, brownies, and Bunco with a valentine's twist! The spouses of OG, MSOC, and MXG joined forces to host our monthly MOSC General Meeting and Social last month. After handling some quick business, the guests all dug into sliders with all the fixings, veggies, chips and brownies. Then, the rolling fun began where almost every attendee ended up taking a Japanese or valentine gift home. Great event and lots of fun for everyone!

*Be sure to look for the Evite and to join our next MOSC Social and Meeting on March 20th!



MARCH:

This month, MOSC is having a blast from the past and reliving the fashion craze during 80's bowling! Please join the Med Group Spouses and the MOSC for an 80's Flashback Bowling Night! Get out your neon leg warmers and big hair! (Sweat bands and mood rings are optional.) Lots of prizes will be given – for the best and worst bowlers, most dangerous bowler, best 80's dress, etc. Dinner will be served at 6:30 pm and bowling starts at 7:15 pm.

Dress: 80's, of course! (But 2014 dress is also acceptable.)

Cost: The cost for members \$8 and non-members is \$10. This includes shoes, two bowling games, and a combo meal. Please pay at the door.

Menu: When you RSVP, please indicate which menu item you would like: hamburger, hot dog, grilled cheese sandwich, chicken tenders, or a Caesar salad wrap.

RSVP: Please RSVP by noon on Monday, March 17. It will be a fun night fur-sure!



MOSC News & Updates

MOSC Nominations for Elections:



The annual MOSC Elections are fast approaching in April. Currently, the MOSC Nominating Committee is currently accepting nominations for the following BoG positions:

- President
- 1st Vice President
- 2nd Vice President
- Administrative Treasurer
- Welfare Treasurer
- Secretary

If you would like to be nominated for any of the above positions, please email parliamentarian@misawaosc.org.

The slate will be compiled by the Nominating Committee, and then presented to the membership at our March General Membership Meeting.

*Elections will be held at our April General Membership Meeting.

MOSC Board of Governors' Positions:

We would like to extend a special welcome to Matthew Molett for stepping in as our Communications Chair, Keith Verble for becoming our Scholarship Chair, and Christy Mathews for taking over as Historian. You are all a great addition to the BoG!

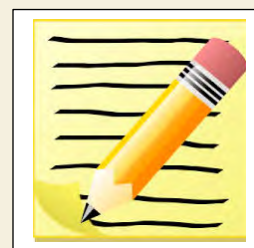
If you are looking for a way to volunteer, the BoG is a great way to get involved. There are still opportunities for you to help the BoG by joining the board, which meets the 1st Thursday of each month. The positions currently available are:

- 1st Vice President
- Parliamentarian
- Fundraising Chair
- Publicity Chair
- Special Activities Chair

If you would like to join the Board of Governors and help plan events for the MOSC, please contact Monica at president@misawaosc.org.



MOSC Membership Roster:



The MOSC Membership Roster has been sent out to all members. Please look over the roster to make sure all of your information is correct. If there is a correction to make, please email Tiffany at membership@misawaosc.org and let her know the changes.

Also, if you did not receive the roster, or know of someone who did not receive it, please let us know as soon as possible.

Updates will be sent out monthly to members with the monthly BoG minutes.

*Remember the roster is to be used only for MOSC business.



MOSC Specialty Groups

MOSC Book Club:



Come join the MOSC Book Club as we embark on a new concept for our club! We are going to begin showcasing and sharing our own books that we are reading each month instead of all of us reading and reviewing the same book. This will be a great way for all of us to be introduced to books that we may otherwise not give attention to and might miss out on some great reading!

Those of you who have been hesitant to join because you were afraid you wouldn't like the book selections...now is the time to join because the selections are all your own!

So continue to read the book or books you are reading now, and bring them with you to share a little bit about each one as we enjoy some great food, great friends, and great conversation at our March meeting.

In honor of St. Patrick's Day, I would like for everyone to get creative with what you choose to bring for your potluck dish. Whether it is green or whether it be Irish, I'm sure it's going to all be awesome!

Email Christy at jaxbeachgirl72@yahoo.com if you'd like to start receiving Book Club

information.

MOSC Bunco Group:



The MOSC Bunco group is looking for the luck of the Irish on a special night this month. We'll be meeting the last Thursday of the month, March 27th. If you want to come and eat before we begin playing, we'll be at the Faultline Bar at 6pm. The dice will start rolling at 6:30pm. It's open to all members and any guests who want to join the fun. (Cost: \$5 to play.)

MOSC Out and About Group:



This month, the MOSC Out and About Group is learning to cook Japanese style. We're meeting at the AFRC Building (next to the Torii Building) in the Kitchen Room at 10:30am on Tuesday, March 11th.

Tomo-san will be teaching us how to make kakiaga (tempura), chanpura (Japanese stir-fry), Japanese salad, and tofu pie. The cost is only \$4 per person to help cover the cost of the groceries. Then, we'll be sampling all the dishes!

MOSC Special Interest Groups:



There are other Special Interest Groups still needing coordinators. Members have already signed up for other Special Interest Groups. If you are interested in helping start any of the following groups, please email specialactivities@misawaosc.org.

Here are the groups:

- Dart
- Cooking
- Dining
- Parents' Night Out
- Poker

Once we have a coordinator, the members will be contacted about the next event.

Save the Date:

- **April 18th:** Out and About Group Goes to Hachinohe
- **April 22nd:** MOSC Elections
- **April 22nd:** Friendship Luncheon
- **April 29th:** Bunco Group
- **May 2nd:** MESC/MOSC Kokeshi Bingo

MOSC MEMBER INFORMATION

MOSC Annual Friendship Luncheon:

The Friendship Luncheon Committee is holding a meeting on Thursday, March 13th. We'll be meeting in the Kanpai Lounge at 10:30am and grabbing a quick bite to eat from the Club while finishing the meeting.

We'll be discussing all the plans for the Friendship Luncheon, which will be held on Tuesday, April 22nd. Be sure to make plans to attend this committee meeting and help organize this fun annual event. If you can't make the meeting, please email Karen at ktwinters1970@gmail.com or Cindy at cindymattingly@hotmail.com for more details.



MOSC Pictures and Scrapbook:

If you have pictures to share with other members, or you'd like to see the pictures taken at our recent events, check out MOSC Snapfish account. Just go to www.snapfish.com. Login using: historianmosc@gmail.com and the password: oscpics.

You can upload pictures onto the site, save the pictures to your computer, or order prints. Also, we will be using those pictures to help compile a scrapbook for the year.

MOSC also has several old scrapbooks which are in need of repair. If you'd like to help restore our history, email Christy at historian@misawaosc.org.



MOSC Welfare Committee:

The Welfare Committee meets each month to discuss recent Welfare requests. This past month, the following requests were granted:

- Edgren High School Wrestling Team: \$2400 for new uniforms
- 35th MDG BSC Corps: \$500 for BSC Week Activities

If you know of a group or organization that needs funding, please have them fill out a Welfare Request Form. The form can be found on our website at www.misawaosc.org. The requests must be received prior to the last Thursday of each month.

MOSC Website:

Be sure to check out our MOSC website at www.misawaosc.org for the newest updates. We are updating the site to include a Thrift Shop page, monthly newsletter, and more. New members can download the membership application online. If there is something you'd like to see on our website, please email Matthew at communications@misawaosc.org.

Thrift Shop News



New Location:

We are looking for volunteers to help us build fixtures and displays for our new location. If you know of a group or organization that would be willing to volunteer and help us build, please contact LuAnn at thriftshopliason@misawaosc.org.

Don't forget we can always use donation items! The items can be dropped off during business hours, or placed in the Donation Shed after hours. Plus, we also use the plastic commissary bags. Thanks for all your support!

Volunteers Needed:

We've recently added a new position at the Thrift Shop called a Volunteer Coordinator. Her name is Janice and she will be contacting members who have volunteered in the past. There are new incentives for our former volunteers, and we'll be starting up training for any new volunteers. The first incentive is for any volunteer who works 20 hours will receive a denim apron with your name monogrammed in Japanese and English.

Remember: the MOSC only receives a

percentage of the profits. The percentage depends on the number of volunteers we have each month. So, the more volunteers we have, the more money we receive to give back to the community!

Positions:

The Thrift Shop Hiring Committee is currently interviewing for the following positions:

- Assistant Store Manager
- Merchandise Coordinator
- Clothing Merchandise

If you are interested in interviewing for any of the positions, please pick up applications from the Thrift Shop during regular business hours.

Hours:

Monday 4pm-7pm
 Tuesday/Wednesday 9am-1pm
 Thursday 4pm-7pm
 1st Saturday 9am-1pm

Facebook Page:

Misawa AB Thrift Shop

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